AGENDA MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION MEETING

November 20, 2020 Starting Time 10:00 A.M. Link to Zoom Video Conference:

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- 1. Call the Meeting to Order and Introductions: Michael Timmons, Chair
- 2. Review and Approval of Minutes
 Review and Approval of Decision and Orders
- 3. Adjudicatory Hearings:
 - **1. RE:** Pursuant to 8 M.R.S. § 271 and Commission Rules Chapters 19 and 21, the Commission will take testimony on the following applications for live racing renewals for calendar year 2021:
 - a. Northern Maine Fair Association, Presque Isle; Fair Meet
 - b. Sagadahoc Agricultural & Horticultural Society, Topsham; Fair Meet
 - c. Skowhegan State Fair, Skowhegan; Fair Meet
 - d. Union Fair Society, Union; Fair Meet
 - e. Windsor Fair, Windsor; Fair Meet
 - f. Franklin County Agricultural Society, Farmington Fair; Farmington; Fair Meet
 - g. Cumberland Farmers Club, Cumberland Fair, Cumberland; Fair Meet and Extended Meet
 - h. West Oxford Agricultural Society, Fryeburg Fair, Fryeburg; Fair Meet
 - i. HC Bangor, LLC; Bangor Raceway; Commercial Meet
- 4. Consideration of an Application for a New Off-track Betting Facility License Submitted by Davric Maine Racing LLC. Public Law 2019, Chapter 626, Section 16, provides that the Commission may grant an off-track betting facility license, notwithstanding the requirements of Title 8, § 275-D, to the operator of a commercial track that ceases operation prior to March 1, 2021, to facilitate the prospect of a modernized commercial track. The Commission will consider whether to approve the application submitted by Davric Maine Racing, LLC.
- 5. Discussion of Pending Federal Legislation, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (S.4547). A federal bill relative to horseracing and prohibited substances is pending before Congress. While harness racing is not explicitly covered under the current bill, there is an expectation that the legislation will be expanded to cover all horseracing in the country. Due primarily to the anticipated costs to the industry, many racing jurisdictions are opposed to the pending legislation.

- 6. Other Business
- 7. Public Comment
- 8. Schedule of Future Meetings: November 23, 2020
- 9. Adjourn